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## Registration and Title Bulletin #39-00

TO:

All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

**SUBJECT:** 

Foreign Evidence Requirement - Application for Assigned or Reassigned Number, VTR 68-A

## **PURPOSE:**

To provide new directions for title applications supported by foreign evidence by adding requirements for use of the *Application for Assigned or Reassigned Number*, Form VTR-68-A. These procedural changes are being made to aid in the prevention of trafficking stolen vehicles into Texas.

## **DETAILS:**

Registration and Title Bulletin #5-00 advised you of revisions to the Form VTR-68-A, and to ensure uniformity, advised the inspection process would only be performed by trained Auto Theft Investigators of law enforcement agencies or the National Insurance Crime Bureau Vehicle Theft Investigators.

This bulletin is to advise you that the Inspection Report on the bottom of the Form 68-A must be completed by the appropriate law enforcement agency and accompany any title documentation supported by foreign evidence. These procedural changes are in addition to the statutory requirements for a completed Identification Certificate, Form VI-30-A. These restrictions should significantly reduce the number of fraudulently titled or registered vehicles. Section 501.030 of the Title Manual has been revised accordingly and is attached for your reference.

## **COUNTY ACTION:**

In addition to current evidence of ownership requirements for vehicles from foreign countries, we request that your offices require appropriate law enforcement completion of the bottom portion of the *Application for Assigned or Reassigned Number*, Form VTR-68-A. This requirement for all title applications supported by foreign evidence will become effective on and after August 1, 2000.

**CONTACT(S):** 

As always, we appreciate your continued cooperation in our efforts to share information regarding Texas title and registration issues. Any questions or comments regarding this transmittal should be directed to your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Dike, Director Vehicle Titles and

Registration Division

Attachments

cc: All Law Enforcement Agencies